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SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Raikes, and again, I want to reiterate: I think...I don't want to put words in your mouth, but I think you were generally supportive of what I was trying to achieve this morning, but not necessarily in agreement with how I was going about doing it; is that an accurate statement?

SENATOR RAIKES: It is accurate, Senator.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. Senator Raikes, if you know, off the top of your head, can you...do you have a cite for the section of statute that OPS is relying on, that says the Class V districts shall be the only school district in that community?

SENATOR RAIKES: I don't, Senator. You're talking about the section in...subsection and that sort of thing?

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, just a general cite to it, and I guess here's what I'm asking: We talked this morning, we had an extensive debate, and we talked about the fact that LB 1024 will eliminate that section of statute that OPS is relying on; correct?

SENATOR RAIKES: I don't think it eliminates it, but in essence, you're right. It changes it in such a manner that it doesn't do the same thing it would do now.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, and I will be frank with you. I have a concern, when I read the <u>Milliken</u> case regarding the school districts in the community of Detroit and their inability to rely on or count on the rest of the community assisting in the inner city school in their...assisting in their integration plan. And while I absolutely agree with you that this...you know, what you've written down here seems to make sense to me, what I'm concerned with, if we go through with LB 1024, we will eliminate, for lack of a better way to put it, the lever upon which your amendment could cause or effect some change. Do you see what I'm saying?